

Bills from hospitals are settled as early as possible but some delays may occur when sufficient funds are not available in the budget.

[Translation]

Availability of Ayurvedic Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

1561. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines are not being provided on the prescriptions by the doctors of Ayurvedic dispensaries under C.G.H.S.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is provision of reimbursement in case of purchase of non-available medicines from the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SRI-MATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In case any ayurvedic medicines is not available with the dispensary/Ayurvedic Store the same is supplied by approved Ayurvedic local chemist by local indent. If the local Chemist fails to supply indented medicines the same is purchased by the beneficiaries from the open market and the amount is reimbursed.

[English]

Amendment to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

1562. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the

Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has come in the way of developmental works in the Garhwal region of UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 with a view to synthesis the need for conservation of forests and acceleration of developmental works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Representations have been received in the Ministry alleging that Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has come in the way of developmental works in the Garhwal the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) No amendment to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is being considered at present. The guidelines issued under the Act provide that proposals for laying of transmission lines or pipes for drinking water supply, where no felling of trees is involved may be submitted by State Government to Central Government in simplified proforma. However, based on the suggestions made in the Conference of the Forest Ministers of States held in May, 1989, following steps have been taken to further streamline the procedure for speedy disposal of cases under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:—

(1) Diversion of forest land for construction of buildings for schools, hospitals, dispensaries, community halls, co-operatives panchayats, tiny rural industrial sheds of Government etc. which are to be put up for the benefit of the people of that area are now to be considered but such diver-

sions should be strictly limited to the actually needed area and should not exceed one hectare in each case.

- (2) In hill districts and in other districts having forest lands exceeding 50 per cent of the total geographical area, compensatory afforestation on non-forest land is not insisted upon and is permitted on degraded forest land twice in extent of the area diverted provided forest land involved is less than 5 hectares and the purpose of diversion is for construction of link road, small water works, minor irrigation works, school building, dispensary, hospitals tiny rural industrial shed of the Government or any other similar work which directly benefit the people of the area.

- (3) Only those cases wherein forest area involved is more than 10 hectares are now referred to Advisory Committee for its advice. Cases involving forest area upto 10 hectares are decided by this Ministry without referring those to the Advisory Committee. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests have been authorised to clear proposals involving forest land less than one hectare.

Each case is considered on its merits and if complete information is received from the State Government, the policy is to take decision within 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the proposal in this Ministry.

[*Translation*]

Illegal Houses Constructed by Property Dealers in Rohini

1563. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of

URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new houses are being illegally constructed in Rohini, Delhi by the certain property dealers; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to get the matter investigated; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Ban on Performing Animals in Circus

1564. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any ban on performing animals like bears, monkeys, tigers, panthers and dogs in circus;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to lift this ban; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Government of India, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, had issued a notification dated the 2nd March, 1991, banning the use of bears, monkeys, tigers, panthers and dogs for training and exhibition. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has stayed this Order.